

**Superior Town Council
Town Council Meeting**

**Thursday, October 2, 2008
Superior Senior Center
Superior, Arizona**

M_I_N_U_T_E_S

A. Call to Order

Mayor Hing called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. Salute to the Flag

Mayor Hing led the council, staff and audience in the pledge.

C. Opening Prayer

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, Staff and audience in an opening prayer.

D. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmember Cervantes, Second Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor Hing, Councilmember Heglie, Councilmember Peralta, Councilmember Aguilar, First Vice-Mayor Valenzuela

Members Absent:

A quorum was present and the meeting continued.

E. Communication:

1. Managers Report

Mayor Hing explained that Ms. Oliver was absent at the meeting due to a dental emergency. He encouraged the council to talk with Ms. Oliver regarding her report directly.

2. Public Safety Report

Chief Digirolamo answered questions about his written report. He also introduced Officer Burnside who and Ajax the new police dog. Officer Burnside reported on the training he and Ajax received and how the dog will support the department.

3. Finance Report

Council reviewed finance report in their packet. No further update was given.

4. CDBG Report

Ms. Schofield from CAAG explained to the council that their request to change their projects with the 2006 CDBG funds had been denied by the Department of Housing. She explained that they require the town to complete the plans originally set with the 2006 funds. She reminded the council that the 2006 funds were allocated to do additional landscaping and park infrastructure at the park. Discussion followed the current CDBG funds and future projects. Ms. Schofield explained that the town must complete this project by March 31, 2009. Council directed staff and Ms. Schofield to move forward to complete the scope of work for the original 2006 CDBG project.

5. Economic Development Committee Report (Superior Development Authority)

Ms. Lira made a brief presentation to the council in addition to her written report. She stated that the town Economic Development Committee has recommended to the council that the town pursue creating a Community Development Corporation. She stated the committee wanted to name the corporation the Superior Development Authority. She explained how the corporation would operate and what the benefits to the town would be. She asked for a work session between the EDC and the Town Council. Mayor Hing requested that the work session be held before the first meeting in November.

F. Consent Agenda

Mayor Hing introduced the items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda for approval were:

**Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting: September 18, 2008
Blanket permit – Friends of the Superior Public Library**

After review of the consent agenda items Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Business

Possible Discussion and/or action on the following

Presentation/Update on progress made on developing a new Comprehensive Plan for Pinal County

Mr. Stabley Planning Director for Pinal County made a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan for Pinal County. He reviewed the current and needed transportation corridors, job centers, and land use. Mr. Stabley also reviewed how the plan was put together and what forums were used to get public participation. Members of the council and audience all expressed great concern that the eastern side of the county was left as a green belt and did not plan for much job growth other than traditional mining. Mayor Hing expressed concern that the needs of Superior were not addressed. Mr. Stabley explained that that is why they are going through another 60 review of the plan and communities/residents could still make comments or suggestions to the plan.

Discuss/Approve/Reject IGA regarding cooperative Law Enforcement training operations among public agencies within the State of Arizona

Chief Digirolamo explained that this IGA will allow the Superior Police department to go to other trainings or schools sponsored by other law enforcement agencies in the state. He explained that there is no cost to be part of this IGA although certain classes may assess small fees for equipment or supplies needed. He also explained that this would allow the Superior Police Department to coordinate training classes and attract other agencies to Superior. Mr. Beers explained that he saw no issues with IGA and that is was a standard agreement.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve the IGA. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Reject IGA between Town of Superior on behalf of the Superior Fire Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety for the forensics science services to the town and town will provide payment for services

Chief Lou explained that the town is now being charged to use the State DPS forensics lab. He stated that currently the state has issues a prorated bill for services used and that it was recommended at the police chiefs meeting to enter into the IGA for services.

He explained that at this time he is recommending to table this item due to new developments that may change how the IGA invoices are presented; he also stated that the League of Cities and Towns are investigating to see if the IGA is legal.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to table the item. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Reject IGA between Town of Superior on behalf of the Superior Police Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety for the forensics science services to the town and town will provide payment for services

No Further discussion was held on this item as the item also related to the conversation in agenda item 3.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to table the item. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Reject Sewer Discontinuance of Service by authority of the Superior Town Code Chapter 9 Health and Sanitation section 9-6-7 Sewer Service May be Discontinued Under Certain Conditions B. Failure of the consumer to comply with any rule of the department including failure to pay billing on a timely basis. Thirteen properties need to be scheduled for disconnection

Mr. Beers recommended to the council to table the item until he can do further research on the item. He also stated that he would look into other options the town may have in regards to this agenda item.

Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to table the agenda item until November. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Reject rent of vacant office space with a 1 (one) year lease to Rose's Roses

Mayor Hing explained that the previous tenant of the building Rose's Roses wanted to return to the building as is with a one year lease. Discussion followed regarding the necessary improvements that were needed to the heating and cooling system as well as other small improvements needed. Mayor Hing also asked if the town needed to advertise the rental or put it out to bid. The Attorney explained that the town did not have to do that because it is just a rental space.

Ms. Quiroz owner of Rose's Roses explained that she need to move within 30 days and she was willing to move into the building as is. She explained that she was willing to do some of the repairs herself with an adjustment on her rent.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peralta to proceed with renting the space. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. Discussion continued regarding the example the city makes in its landlord practices. Council stated that many trips are made to Home Depot and there is no excuse for equipment to not be maintained.

Councilmember Peralta amended her previous motion. Councilmember Peralta made a motion to lease the building on a month to month lease for \$400.00 a month, with the stipulation that if the town does make significant improvements to the building the rent will be renegotiated. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

Mayor Hing reminded everyone that calls to the public should only be made to the Mayor and Mayor only.

Sue Anderson – gave a brief update on the recycling center and transfer station operations on behalf of Orion Recycling. She also reviewed where the recycling containers were and what can be recycled. Ms. Anderson also invited the community to participate in the upcoming Free Dump Day .

Mr. Gilbert – Expressed his shock that Ms. Dalton agreed with him on something regarding his comments to the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan. He also commented on the Pitty Committee and how they are unable to really handle the animal control issues and the no kill shelter. He explained that he knew animals were sent to the Pinal County Animal Shelter.

Mr. Gilbert also commented that he shared some information with the Mayor a little over a year ago and asked the Mayor not to disclose the information however he was telling the Mayor now to release the information. He commented on bigoted statements made by councilmember's and stated that the council has not seen fire works yet.

Ms. Rabago – Gave a brief update on the Superior Animal Rescue group and explained that they are working with a pet shop in the valley to do adoptions and that they are almost fully complete with attaining their 501c3 status. She explained that they are currently working on a volunteer basis and once the non profit status is available they will be able to look for more grant funds to support the SAR.

Ms. Lira – Invited everyone to attend the upcoming candidate forums sponsored by the Superior Chamber of Commerce. She reviewed the dates and times in her comments.

Council Comments

Councilmember Heglie

None

Councilmember Cervantes

Thanked those who came out to help clean the cemetery at the Community Pride Day. He also explained that the town is back on track to have inmate laborers come to Superior to help with things.

Councilmember Peralta

None

Councilmember Aguilar

None

Second Vice Mayor Lopez

None

First Vice Mayor Valenzuela

None

Mayor Hing

Explained that the meetings to discuss the US 60 bypass have been cancelled. He stated it was important for the council and public to stay informed on the project and make their comments heard before final action is taken.

Mayor Hing stated there were no items for an executive session.

K. Executive Session

The Town Council may or may not vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A-1), (A-3) & (A-7)

(A-1) – Personnel

(A-3) – Legal Advice with Attorney

(A-7) – Legal Advice on Sale, Lease, or Purchase of Real Property:

M. Adjournment

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 2nd Day of October 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Melanie Oliver _____ Melanie Oliver
Interim Town Manager

These minutes have been transcribed and complied by
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